

Major General Edward L. Wright

The Adjutant General, Wyoming



Maj. Gen. Ed Wright is the adjutant general for Wyoming. As such, he directs the Wyoming Military Department, located in Cheyenne.

He is responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, plans and programs affecting the more than 2,500 Air National Guard and Army National Guard members in Wyoming. He is also responsible for the Wyoming Veterans' Affairs Commission and the Oregon Trail State Veterans' Cemetery.

Before his appointment he served as the deputy commander for the Wyoming Army National Guard's State Area Command. He

also has served as commander of the 115th Field Artillery Brigade during his more than 20 years with the Wyoming Army National Guard.

He served two years on active duty with the United States Army as a computer operator in Germany from 1970-72. He joined the Wyoming Army National Guard in 1980. Wright completed the Wyoming State OCS program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Wyoming Army National Guard on July 1, 1982. Upon assuming command of the Wyoming National Guard, on May 15, 2003, Wright became federally recognized as a brigadier general and was brevetted to the rank of major general.

Among the positions Wright has held in the National Guard was a cannoneer, fire direction officer, executive officer and intelligence officer. He served as commander of the 2-300th Field Artillery and the 115th Field Artillery Brigade.

The general has a bachelor's and master's degree in education from Arizona State University and an education specialist degree in education administration from Idaho State University and a doctorate of education from Montana State University. He is also a graduate of the military's Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Before accepting the appointment to adjutant general, Wright served as the associate superintendent of Campbell County School District in Gillette, Wyo. since 1990. Before joining the school district's administration staff as director of facilities and auxiliary services, Wright was an elementary school principal and teacher.

Assignments:

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Active Component

Computer Operator, Germany

July 70- Feb. 72

Wyoming Army National Guard

Cannoneer, A Battery, 1st Battalion, 49th Field Artillery

Oct. 80- April 81

Wyoming State Officer Candidate School Candidate

May 81- July 82

Fire Direction Officer, A Btry, 1-49 FA BN

July 82- July 84

Executive Officer, A Btry, 1-49 FA BN

July 84- July 87

Commander, A Btry, 1-49 FA BN

July 87- Aug. 90

S-2, Intelligence Officer, 1-49 FA BN

Aug. 90- July 91

Operations/Intelligence Officer 1-49 FA BN

July 91- July 93

Battalion Training Officer and Officer in Charge, 1-49th FA, Sheridan, Wyo.

Aug. 85-Aug. 90

S-3, Operations Officer, 1-49 FA BN

July 93- Sept. 93

Executive Officer, 1-49 FA BN

Sept. 93- Sept. 94

Executive Officer, 115th Field Artillery Brigade

Sept. 94- Sept. 95

Operations Officer 4th Infantry Division Rear Tactical Operations Center

Sept. 95- July 96

Commander, 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery

July 96- Dec. 98

Military Personnel Officer, State Headquarters, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Aug. 98-Sept. 00

Commander Detachment 2, Training Site

Dec. 98- May 00

Commander 115th FA BDE

Jan. 00- Feb. 02

Deputy Commander, State Area Command, Cheyenne, Wyo.

March 02- May 03

Adjutant General, Wyoming Military Department, Cheyenne

May 03- Present

Education:

Military

Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, 1985

Field Artillery Officer Artillery Course, 1989

Army Command and General Staff College, 1992

Field Artillery Pre-Command Course, 1996

National Defense Strategy Course, 1996

U.S. Army War College, 1998

Civilian

Associate's degree, liberal arts, Mesa Community College, Ariz., 1973

Bachelor of Arts, elementary education, Arizona State University, 1974

Master of Arts, education administration, Arizona State University, 1977

Educational Specialist, education administration, Idaho State University, 1979

Doctorate of Education, education administration, Montana State University, 1988

Decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Army Achievement Medal

Army Good Conduct Medal

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with 3 OLC

National Defense Service Medal with 1 device

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Army Service Ribbon/Overseas Training Ribbon

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon

Wyoming National Guard Outstanding Service Ribbon with OLC

Wyoming National Guard Exceptional Achievement Ribbon

Wyoming National Guard Service Ribbon-5, 10, 15, 20 years

Wyoming National Guard Recruiting Ribbon

The Honorable Order of St. Barbara